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W. Sandusky
 Aug 9th -
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 Will Walker, Sen.
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 James P. Finley
 Lidgville
 Warren County
 Ohio.

W. M. Luther
 Wm Sandusky

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W. Sandusky Aug 8th 1837.
 Dear Sir - Your letter came to this place during
 my absence to Columbus, on public business relating
 to our nation, and connected with some private business
 and since my return, have been so overrun with public
 and private business as to prevent me from writing
 as much at length and in detail as I wished. I
 even now, I am writing while the Council is in session,
 stealing time by moments in short intervals.
 While at Columbus, I addressed a strong communica-
 tion to Gov. Vance, laying before him in as vivid
 colors as I was capable of, the conduct of these
 detestable Vampyres, called Commissioners.
 I am satisfied he has ere this addressed the face of
 War, and that in terms to making a favorable
 impression, if appeals in favor of humanity can
 make any impression on his heart; tho' I confess
 I have but little confidence in any of the members
 of the Cabinet, for they are all wound in the
 same solution. We the Council have recently
 addressed a strong appeal to the face of War,
 opposing the conduct of the Commissioners from
 the commencement of their operations up to the
 date of our communication, and earnestly
 petition for their recall.
 The Commissioners have ceased to hold open and
 public councils; the treaty they have made was in
 the first place signed by twelve persons making
 the number including women and children about
 thirty five. At another meeting a few more signed
 when drunk; After which the treaty has been at
 Mr. McCutchen's Bar, and as a straggling Wy-
 andott happened along he was called into the house
 and if he was found of drink, signing the treaty

was then made the price of a glass of grog! and conduct equally as corrupt and detestable, till they have now, it is said, rising of a hundred men women and children. They appear to be bloody bent on breaking up the nation. We are now waiting with deep anxiety to hear what effect the Governor's, Judge McLean's and our communication will have upon the "powers that be". What our fate may be, although trying times ahead will determine, but I confess I entertain strong fears;— but we shall contend inch by inch, and rather than yield, "perish in the last ditch"!

Our Quarterly Meeting has just closed; nothing remarkable occurred. The Presiding Elder was at my house, and the subject of our Mission being placed under the Superintendence and Guardianship of the Ohio Conf. was incidentally introduced; he and the preachers that were with him kicked back most wickedly—they declared they could take as good care of this Mission as the Ohio Conf. and they would submit to no such dictation. I saw it was quite galling to their pride. I asked them if they had any men in their ranks, that they really supposed were fit for Missionaries? "yes," they said "a great plenty." I remarked, I was ^{not} going to dispute that point with them, but from the little acquaintance I had with the Preachers in this Conference, I was of opinion it was not overstocked with that kind of timber.

I am unable at this time to specify any time, at present, for our contemplated visit to Canada, as we are in such a state of confusion and uproar, that it appears impossible for me to leave home. While I was at

Columbus, (two weeks) the Council came ^{to} nothing, and they are loath to let me go any place, especially in our present troubles, and in addition to this, our Amenity will shortly be paid and we have been informed officially that one half of the Amenity will be tendered to us in goods* but will be more trouble than necessity will compel us to suspend for the present, our project. But if a change for better and more propitious times should take place, I will write again and inform you.

We are all well except my mother. She is laboring under a most malignant congestion of Bilious fever, and we entertain serious fears—

Remember us to all the family.
Your friend

Wm Walker

* All for the want of specie, but we will compromise the matter by offering to take good Ohio Bank paper.